

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Claims 1-2 (canceled).

Claim 3 (currently amended): A commodity information management system according to Claim [[2]] 8, wherein the notifying unit notifies an operator of the detection result with light.

Claim 4 (currently amended): A commodity information management system according to Claim [[2]] 8, wherein the notifying unit notifies an operator of the detection result with sound.

Claims 5-7 (canceled).

Claim 8 (previously presented): A commodity information management system for managing commodity as well as security thereof based on a barcode and an activated tag attached to said commodity, said system comprising:

a reader for reading the barcode;

a deactivator provided downstream from said reader for deactivating the tag after the

barcode is read by the reader;

a detector provided downstream from and adjacent to said deactivator for detecting magnetism of the tag;

a notifying unit for notifying an operator of a detection result by said detector;

a determining unit for determining whether or not the security tag has been deactivated according to the detection result;

a host terminal for controlling the operation of an entire system; and

a control unit for making a report, when said detection result is determined by said determining unit that the tag has not been deactivated, to an effect that the security is not released to the host terminal, and also sending a notice to the effect that a retry of checking deactivation of the tag is requested to the operator,

wherein said tag is for assuring that payment for said commodity attached thereon is done, and said control unit enables, among said reader and said detector, only the function of said detector during a period of time since the request of the retry is notified until said determining unit determines that the security tag is deactivated.

Claim 9 (canceled).

Claim 10 (previously presented): The commodity information magnet system ~~as recited in claim 1~~ according to claim 8, wherein said tag is made of magnetic material and has a thin, plate shape.

Claims 11-12 (canceled).